

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:     | Yoichiro Ito   | Examiner:            | Rebecca Fritchman  |
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| For:           | METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COUNTERCURRENT CHROMATOGRAPHY |                      |                    |

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 16, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed March 10, 2010, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, and the requisite fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), which provides an opportunity to withdrawn the finality of the office action and to enter and consider this submission. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time and the \$490.00 fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the docket number above.

**Amendments** to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper. **Amendments** to the Claims begin at page 10 of this paper. **Record of the Substance of the Interview** begins at page 15 of this paper. **Remarks** begin at page 16 of this paper.